

Cosmology with nonminimal kinetic coupling and a power-law potential

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Abstract

We consider cosmological dynamics in the theory of gravity with the scalar field possessing a nonminimal kinetic coupling to gravity, $\kappa G \mu\nu\phi\mu\phi\nu$, and the power-law potential $V(\phi)=V_0\phi^N$. Using the dynamical system method, we analyze all possible asymptotical regimes of the model under investigation and show that for sloping potentials with $N < 2$. Using a numerical analysis, we also construct exact cosmological solutions and find initial conditions leading to the initial kinetic coupling inflation followed either by a "graceful" oscillatory exit or by the secondary inflation. © 2013 American Physical Society.

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